

Remarks

Claims 14-21 and 23-28 are now in the case. Claims 30-33 have been cancelled. Claims 14 and 24 have been amended; the amendments find support in the specification (for example, at pages 42-43) and the claims as originally filed; no new matter has been added.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 30-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because the specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention commensurate in scope with the claims.

Applicant respectfully traverses these grounds for rejection. However, merely to advance allowance, claims 30-33 have been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims in continuation or divisional applications.

For the reasons stated above, the rejection of claims 30-33 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph has been obviated and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 14, 24 and 30 and the dependent claims thereto are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps.

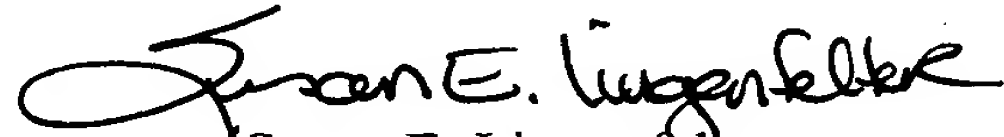
Applicant respectfully traverses these grounds for rejection. However, merely to advance prosecution of this case to allowance, claims 14 and 24 have been amended as is indicated in the Listing of Claims. Claim 30 has been cancelled as discussed above.

Therefore, for at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the presented claims are in condition for allowance. A favorable action is earnestly requested. Applicant's attorney invites the Examiner to call her at the number below if any issue remains outstanding.

Respectfully submitted,



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